

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, September 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Sara Fox; Joanna Heidel; Billy Hewes; Henry Hudspeth; John Junkin, II; Patricia Puckett; William Seal; Hazel Terry; and George Walker.

Member absent: Yvonne Brown

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Tracy Heggins, Patrick McKinnis, Sandra Lucas, Helen Nelms, Eloise Richardson, Ed Schneider, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:10 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Henry Hudspeth.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

George Walker acknowledged the following guests present: Dr. Clyde Muse, representing the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and Andy Kanengiser representing the Clarion Ledger.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, seconded by John Junkin, the Board approved the minutes of the August 20 and 21, 1997, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda after adding Hinds Community College's request to reallocate capital improvement funds, under Section J. of the Reports/Action section.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray introduced new SBCJC staff member Helen Nelms. She will serve in the position of Accountant.

Dr. Ray distributed copies of recent communications expressing concern over issues related to EdNet operations (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray updated Board members on the activities of the One Stop Interagency Executive Council (OSIEC). Initially the OSIEC developed a proposal that would create separate regional councils to coordinate strategic planning and coordination efforts for primarily federally funded state workforce programs and initiatives. However, after concerns raised by Presidents, Career Center Directors, and various State Workforce Council members, Dr. Ray proposed that the OSIEC utilize the community Colleges' District Workforce Councils. OSIEC utilize the Community Colleges' District Workforce Councils. OSIEC members agreed to the proposal pending approval by the State Workforce Development Council and community and junior college presidents. The concept will be presented at the October State Workforce Development Council meeting.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a concept developed by the partners within the Council for Educational Technology (Exhibit B). The concept outlines a plan for the creation of a new, stable, sustained funding source(s) to cover the ongoing technology needs of the education partners. Dr. Ray reminded the Board that the Council is responsible for coordinating educational technology efforts of the state. Future plans include a retreat to examine and further define avenues for funding future and ongoing needs.

Dr. Ray reminded Board members of the Mississippi Quality Awards program which will be held on October 2 and 3, 1997, at the Ramada Coliseum in Jackson.

Dr. Olon Ray gave a brief report on the study of higher education on the Gulf Coast being conducted by IHL. SBCJC member Billy Hewes commented on meetings he attended in connection with the study.

Dr. Ray reported on the progress of SBCJC teaming groups. Teams have been established and are working on SBCJC inter-office technology needs, budgeting and budget planning, as well as staff development and training.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of State Economist Dr. Phil Pepper's speech entitled "Mississippi's Economy A Challenge to Education and Industry" which was delivered at the Workforce Summit in Biloxi, in July (Exhibit C).

Dr. Ray also reminded Board members of the Joint Legislative Budget Hearings. The SBCJC hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and the State Workforce Council hearing will follow at 3:45 p.m. He invited all Board members to attend.

Dr. Ray also stated that "The Learning Exchange" an ETV program that deals with educational issues will be televised on September 30, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC

Dr. Clyde Muse reported on the following items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges held on August 26, 1997:

Dr. William McHenry, IHL Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs, asked the

presidents to name a contact to work with him and other IHL representatives in responding to the requirements of House Bill 1451. H.B. 1451 charges IHL with conducting a study of the need and advisability of offering courses for college credit at the lower undergraduate level and advanced center for technology partnerships for industrial training and professional development credit and noncredit courses at various locations. Several cities were identified in the bill and contacts from the colleges within whose district those cities lie were asked to provide a contact. (East Mississippi, Jones, Mississippi Delta, Meridian, Pearl River, and Southwest.)

Mr. George Bates, and Ms. Carol Aslanian of The College Board, updated the presidents on the Mississippi Gulf Coast region project.

Dr. Therrell Myers presented a report on the Mississippi Career Planning and Assessment System (MS-CPAS) for the pilot program year 1996-1997. The program measures student achievement in three areas; reading for information, locating information, and applied mathematics. Approximately 1,727 community/junior college students participated in the study.

The Association approved a recommendation that each MACJC president present to their individual Board of Trustees a request for a contribution of \$1,000 to support the Tri-Regional ACCT Convention that will be held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in June, 1998.

Dr. Olon Ray, SBCJC Executive Director, introduced Ms. Tracy Heggins, who has joined the staff in the position of Publications Media Specialists. He also updated the Association on Representative Charles Young's coordination through the legislature to ask community colleges, universities, public schools, head start agencies, and other to work in a project to develop two models in support of public schools.

Dr. Ray also reported on The Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Plan (MPACT).

Dr. Ray and Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, SBCJC Associate Executive Director for Programs, gave a report on the IHL graduate nursing courses over the CCN. Dr. Bill Scaggs, President of Meridian Community College expressed the presidents' concern over the number of graduate level courses that were offered during the fall term and the fact that some community/junior colleges were blocked from receiving course work over the CCN. The Association approved exploring the possibility of having an out-of-state university provide graduate level nursing programs that would meet the original concept of providing these services over the CCN.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reported on the new format required by the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). She alerted the presidents to possible problems community/junior colleges might experience dealing with includable earnings. A committee was appointed to look into the new PERS format as it affects community/junior colleges and make recommendations to the MACJC for any needed action.

Dr. Barry Mellinger reported that the MACJC Executive Committee had met with Dr. Olon Ray to discuss the new arrangement between the Association and the SBCJC with regard to the work of the Director of Affiliated Activities, Dr. Randall Bradberry. He reported that the Executive Committee was unanimously pleased with the new arrangement.

Dr. Mellinger appointed individuals to serve as the 1997-1998 Phi Theta Kappa Recognition Luncheon committees.

The Association unanimously approved an audit of MACJC financial records in order to bring the records up-to-date for the new Director of Affiliated Associations, Dr. Randall Bradberry.

Dr. Clyde Muse gave a Legislative Committee update and distributed a draft copy of the schedule for regional legislative meetings that will be held in November.

The Association authorized Dr. Randall Bradberry to look into alternate sites around the state for the MACJC summer legislative planning meeting.

The association voted to appoint a committee to clarify the language used in the MACJC Waiver/Release Form.

Dr. William Scaggs gave a power point presentation on possible funding formula revisions.

Finance Committee

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298 for October, November, and December 1997, in the amounts of \$7,434,461, \$6,007,000, and \$6,006,999 respectively (Exhibit D).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Joanna Heidel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for September 30, 1997, from funds 4080 and 4110, in the amount of \$1,873,538.60 (Exhibit E).

The following reports requiring no action were also included on the finance committee agenda for Board members review:

- Financial Statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit F)
- Report on FY 1997 General Fund Lapses and Special Fund Carryforwards (Exhibit G)
- Community and Junior College Support Data Sheet (Exhibit H)
- Mississippi Public Community and Junior Colleges Student Fees and Charges/Semester 1997-98 (Exhibit I).

In other business, on a motion by William Seal, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to purchase a pre-owned V-Tel Media Max codec (coder/decoder) unit for \$5,000 pending the proper approval from the Department of Information and Technology Services (Exhibit J).

Program Committee

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a General Educational Development (GED) State Policy proposal and to begin the administrative procedures process (Exhibit K).

Workforce Education Report

Chairman Walker reported on the activities of the State Workforce Development Council. Ed Schneider then presented for the Board's information the Legislative Accountability Report prepared by the Council that will be shown to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The report was developed after last year's budget hearing to show accountability for the use of state funds in workforce training.

Opening Enrollment Report

Dr. Larry Day distributed a copy of the Opening Enrollment Report for Fall 1995 - Fall 1997 (Exhibit L). This initial report is prepared each year around September 5. Final official figures will be reported after enrollment audits are completed.

NASA/GIS Proposal

Ed Schneider gave a report on a NASA Geographic Information Systems (GIS) proposal which would make Mississippi the focal point for remote sensing information systems, which is satellite and laser technology declassified by the U. S. Military within the last two years. Mississippi will design education and training programs for K-12, community and junior colleges, and the university system. The five year grant will focus on the Delta region and will research applications for the agribusiness area.

October and November Board Meetings

Becky Cade distributed a tentative agenda for the October SBCJC meeting that will be held at Mississippi Delta Community College. Among other activities, a tour of the Viking Range plant is planned.

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to hold the November SBCJC meeting at Jones County Junior College on November 20 and 21, 1997.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses to following:

George Walker for attending the Mississippi Quality Awards Program on October 3, the State Workforce Council meeting on October 8, the Funding and Formula Study Committee Retreat on October 9 and 10, and for speaking to the faculty of Northwest Mississippi Community College on October 15, 1997.

Henry Hudspeth, William Seal, and Hazel Terry, for attending the Mississippi Quality Awards Program on October 3, 1997.

William Seal and John Junkin for attending the Funding and Formula Study Committee Retreat on October 9 and 10, 1997.

Dr. Ray informed Board members that the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee has scheduled a retreat on October 9 and 10, 1997, to review information collected. Dr. Ray invited all Board members to attend. He also reported that enrollment audits are scheduled to begin on October 13, and conclude by November 17, 1997.

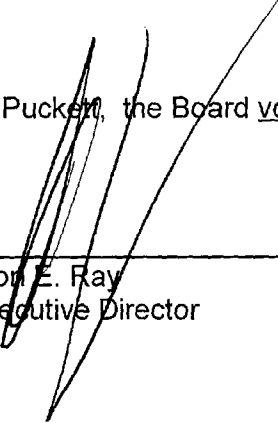
Other Business

In other business, upon staff recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees to reallocate capital improvement funds established by House Bill 1843 in the amount of \$1,400,000 to allow the purchase of the Emmanuel Baptist Church property and renovation of the building located on that property (Exhibit M), and to amend the SBCJC's recommendation to the State Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property to allow the purchase of this property and the building renovation.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.


George Walker, Chairman


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Executive Director